

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: POLYVINYL ALCOHOL FILM

AND POLARIZATION FILM

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 12, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend Claims 1, 2 and 5 as follow:

1. (Amended) A polyvinyl alcohol film wherein the film is obtained by casting on drum, and the variance in thickness along the transverse direction of the film is 0.5 μ m/mm or less, the thickness of the film is within the range of 20 to 150 μ m, and the width of the film is at least 2 m.

2. (Amended) The polyvinyl alcohol frim according to claim 1, wherein the variance

in thickness along the transverse direction of the film is a 0.28 µm/mm or less.